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OF REVISED DATA IN RELATION TO GROUND FORCE DEFINITION ISSUE

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1. AUGUST 27 WG DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT PAPER CENTERED ON CHANGES (REF A)

PROPOSED BY U.S. REP. WG ACCEPTED ALL OF THESE WITH EXCEPTION OF
CHANGE IN PARA 2 A REF A. UK AND SOME OTHER REPS FAVORED USING TERM
"NATIONAL AREA AIR DEFENSE" IN PARAS 15 A, 30 A (1), 33 A AND
THROUGHOUT PAPER. UK REP HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THIS TERM
MORE ACCURATELY IDENTIFIED FUNCTION OF CZECH AND POLISH SOLDIERS
IN QUESTION THAN PHRASE "NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE". CHAIRMAN BELIEVED A
FOOTNOTE CLARIFYING THIS CONCEPT MIGHT BE USEFUL.

2. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH STAFF GROUP, CHAIRMAN INFORMED U.S. REP
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THAT PROPOSED FOOTNOTE (TO FIRST USE OF TERM IN PARA 1 A OF
PAPER WOULD READ: "THESE POLISH AND CZECH ARMY PERSONNEL ARE
ASSIGNED TO UNITS OF AN INTEGRATED A(ARMY AND AIR FORCE) AIR
DEFENSE COMMAND WHOSE PRIMARY MISSION IS THE DEFENSE OF AREAS

OF TERRITORY, MUNICIPALITIES, OR INSTALLATIONS, I.E. AREA AIR DEFENSE." (NOTE: STAFF GROUP BELIEVES THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH DESCRIPTION IN AHG MESSAGE TO NAC ON DEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES, PARA 15 VIENNA 133).

3. ON BASIS OF U.S. PROPOSALS (PARA 2 E AND F REF A), STAFF GROUP REDRAFTED PARA 30. NEW TEXT WOULD INCLUDE FOOTNOTE REFERENCE TO EARLIER VERIFICATION STUDIES TO ACCOMMODATE BELGIAN REP AND WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "VERIFICATION - THE TASKS OF VERIFICATION WOULD BE TO CHECK THAT FORCES WERE REDUCED AS AGREED AND THAT THE RESULTANT FORCE LEVELS WERE NOT EXCEEDED. CURRENT VERIFICATION STUDIES ARE BASED ON INSPECTIONS OF GROUND FORCES ONLY. THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF THE NEW PROPOSALS COULD BE THAT THE INSPECTION SYSTEM WOULD:

A UNDER CASE 1 AND CASE 2:

(1) BE UNABLE TO VERIFY DIRECTLY THE LEVEL OF STRENGTHS IN THE CZ AND POL AREA AIR DEFENCE ORGANISATIONS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THESE LEVELS.

(2) BE REQUIRED TO EXTEND INSPECTION TO SOVIET ARMY AVIATION (HELICOPTERS).

(3) CASE 1 WOULD PRESENT LESS OF A VERIFICATION PROBLEM THAN CASE 2 IN THAT CASE 2 EXEMPTS A CATEGORY OF SOVIET FORCES FROM THE REDUCTION BASE.

B UNDER CASE 3 BE REQUIRED TO EXTEND COVERAGE TO VERIFY REDUCTIONS OF AND RESIDUAL FORCE LEVELS IN THE AIR FORCE ELEMENTS ADDRESSED FOR REDUCTIONS."

4. OTHER REPS SUGGESTED A FEW MINOR CHANGES: IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 16 E, SHAPE REP PROPOSED REPLACING PHRASE "AT WHICH WP DECLARE THEIR GROUND FORCES" WITH PHRASE "ACCEPTED BY BOTH SIDES" AS MORE CONSISTENT WITH TREATMENT OF THIS PROBLEM THROUGHOUT PAPER. IN FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 13, FRG REP PROPOSED INSERTING WORD "ILLUSTRATIVE" BEFORE PHRASE "COMMON CEILING". IN PARA 22, SHAPE REP CORRECTED FIGURES IN FIRST COLUMN (OCTOBER 73) TO READ 925,000 VICE 932,000 AND 148,000 VICE 155,000 AND IN THIRD COLUMN 936,000 VICE 943,000. IN PARA 33 E, UK REP PROPOSED, DURING DISCUSSION OF CHANGE DESIRED BY UMS., ADDITION OF PHRASE
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"AND ABOUT 11,000 WP (GDR) AIRMEN TO THE WP FORCES" AT END OF PHRASE "29,000 NATO AIR FORCE PERSONNEL" IN SENTENCE PARA 2 G REF A. UK ALSO SUGGESTED A SCHEMATIC ILLUSTRATION OF CASE 2 AND 3 AS AN ANNEX, BUT AGREED TO DROP THIS IDEA SINCE IT WAS LIKELY TO DELAY APPROVAL OF PAPER.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY CHAIRMAN, ALL REPS EXCEPT U.S. SAID THEY COULD ACCEPT PAPER WITH CHANGES ENUMERATED ABOVE. CHAIRMAN THEN ASKED WHETHER U.S. REP COULD AGREE TO PAPER AD REFERENDUM IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE TRANSMITTAL TO THE SPC. IN LIGHT OF PARA 2 REF A, U.S. REP SAID HE COULD NOT YET GET TO THIS DRAFT. HOWEVER, (IN PART TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER REVISIONS BY OTHERS) U.S. REP SAID HE WOULD REPORT AGREEMENT BY ALLIES AND THEIR DESIRE (WHICH

CANADIAN EMPHASIZED) TO TRANSMIT PAPER PROMPTLY TO THE SPC.
WG DECIDED THAT FOR PRESENT CHAIRMAN SHOULD NOT ISSUE NEW
DRAFT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: TO FACILITATE GETTING THIS PAPER BEFORE
THE SPC AND LAUNCHING SPC DISCUSSION OF ANOMALIES, REQUEST WE BE
AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW OUR RESERVATIONS -- UNLESS WASHINGTON
CONSIDERS FURTHER MODIFICATIONS ESSENTIAL.
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